

## 2021 PPPR PARTICIPANTS

**Heidi Alina**, a Colorado native, is an award-winning pianist who received her degree from the University of Colorado where she studied with Doris Lehnart. Creator of Feel & Heal Under The Piano - classical music sound baths. Heidi began her studies in rhythm, piano, and improvisation at the age of 5. At the age of 10 she was awarded first place at the national level for her piano composition, Beehive. For the past 25 years she has been studying, performing and teaching African percussion and she is distinguished in this field as one of the top female professionals in the country. A mother of 4, Heidi also enjoys travel, camping, horseback riding and spending time with her family.

**Peter Hall** has been playing the piano for 13 years and taking lessons during that time from four different teachers (even I Clouding with Mrs. Motter!!). Entering his sophomore year at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS, he is taking piano lessons and has performed in three non-major recitals. Peter has also played for church choir for several years. This is his 2nd PPPR.

**Roger Moen** took piano lessons as a child (ages 12-17). Despite having no training in music theory or chord progressions, he enthusiastically tackled his own transcriptions of favorite recordings. Roger set aside the piano for over 45 years, but came back with a vengeance in May of 2018, first performing at the Summit County Piano Club, and then founding the Chaffee County Piano Club in 2019.

**Cathy Motter** grew up in Sterling, CO and studied with Jo's mother, Margaret Garner. She was 14 years old when she met Jo. Cathy studied with Jo at the University of Texas at Arlington and with Theodore Lichtmann at the DU Lamont School of Music. She has both a BM and a MA in piano performance from those universities. Cathy is currently a retired Affiliate Faculty at Colorado Christian University where she accompanied, taught Sight Singing, Ear Training and Piano; she received the CCU 2015 Award for Affiliate Teacher of the Year. Cathy was a very active teacher and accompanist in the Denver area for many years. She now lives in Queen Creek, AZ where she has retired with her husband, Al, and enjoys living closer to their son, Adam and his family. She is also a now a grandmother to three.

**Cheryl Scherer** started piano lessons at about 6 years and really enjoyed it but didn't take it seriously. She also played the violin while growing up but studied piano as her main instrument while getting a BA at CU. Since then, she has enjoyed teaching the piano for over 25 years. After college Cheryl mostly played for weddings and accompanied for church and school choirs while raising her three sons. Presently, she's enjoying practicing and furthering her repertoire in Classical music.